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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 20, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for the response. Applicants submit that this Amendment is timely filed and is filed within two (2) months of the mailing date of the outstanding Office Action and therefore request the benefit of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this Amendment.